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Leon County Board of County Commissioners

Advisory Committee Request Form

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Date of Request: <u>February 8, 2005</u> (The date of the BCC Meeting)
Individual Requesting the Formation of a Committee Tony Park/Leigh Root
Subject Matter Involved: Master Planning for the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park
Type of Committee Being Requested: Decision Making Fact Finding X
Decision Making Definition - Decision making committees are subject to the requirements of the Sunshine Law. They become part of the Board's decision making process. They choose alternatives and direction; narrow or eliminate options for the Board's consideration; make decisions by voting; make recommendations to the Board directly through staff; create by-laws; provide more than fact-finding technical assistance; and are usually facilitated by staff. Committees/Boards which make final binding decisions without returning to the Board based on delegated authority by statute, code, rule, policy or other state, federal, or local law are considered decision making committees and are subject to the requirements of County Policy. Due to voting requirements, and potential conflict of interest, stakeholders are strongly discouraged from appointment to decision making committees. Fact Finding/Focus Group Definition - Focus Groups are not subject to the requirements of the Sunshine Law. They provide a source of community input, information gathering and factual resources. They have no characteristics of a Decision Making Committee; do not need by-laws; provide individual input, data and factual findings to staff as part of staffs' development in its advisement to the Board; and they do not take votes (more brainstorming focus), therefore, appointment of Stakeholders as members does not present a conflict of interest and is encouraged.
Both Decision Making and Fact Finding Committees are subject to Public Records and some Code of Ethics Laws.
Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the committee will be to provide input to the Leon County staff and consultants with regard to recreational facilities to be constructed on particular parcels of land at the existing Landfill. The committee will be asked to help formulate Master Plan options for Landfill to Park Conversion. Those options will be
presented to the public in a series of public meetings and ultimately to the Commission for Board approval.
Fime Duration of the Committee: From <u>April 2005</u> To <u>April 2007 or until the committee's purpose is complete</u> whichever comes first)
Type of Final Product the Committee will Produce? Master Plan Options
What are the Term Limits for Committee Members Serving on this Committee:2
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rease provide additional information relevant to the committee request.	

Please submit this form to the Agenda Coordinator once the full Board has approved a request to establish a new committee.